

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

STATE OF CALIFORNIA



PROCLAMATION
by the
Governor of the State of California

I, ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER, Governor of the State of California, find that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property exist within the counties of Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, Santa Barbara, and Ventura Counties, as a result of a continuing series of severe rainstorms in that area. The series of storms brought unusually heavy rains that caused flash floods, mudslides, sinkholes, the accumulation of debris, washed out and damaged roads, damaged and destroyed homes and businesses, and the loss of human life. Each succeeding storm has exacerbated the conditions and need for state assistance caused by the earlier storms. The counties of Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, and Ventura have requested state assistance. Because the magnitude of this disaster exceeds the capabilities of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of each county, I find these counties to be in a state of emergency, and under the authority of the California Emergency Services Act, set forth at Title 2, Division 1, Chapter 7 of the California Government Code, commencing with section 8550, I hereby proclaim that a State of Emergency exists within the counties of Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, and Ventura. Further, because of the statewide impact to the highway infrastructure, this proclamation will also include Santa Barbara County.

Pursuant to this proclamation, I hereby direct all agencies of the state government to utilize and employ state personnel, equipment and facilities for the performance of any and all necessary activities to alleviate this emergency in accordance with the State Emergency Plan. My previous Executive Order (S-1-05) for the earlier storms shall remain in effect under this proclamation.

I FURTHER DIRECT that as soon as hereafter possible, this proclamation be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and that widespread publicity and notice be given of this proclamation.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have here unto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this the sixteenth day of March 2005.

/s/ Arnold Schwarzenegger

Governor of California
